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In re application of: Kozam, et al.

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Method and Apparatus For The Centralized Collection of Geographically

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

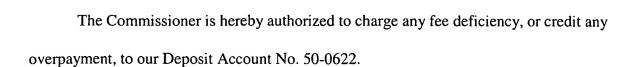
Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action be extended three months from September 5, 2001 to December 5, 2001 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17) is believed to be \$445.00 for a three-month extension for a small entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying check. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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